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SUBJECT: ITU BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE: SITREP FIVE  
(FINAL)

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1. SUMMARY: FIVE-WEEK BROADCASTING SATELLITE  
CONFERENCE CLOSED 13 FEBRUARY WITH BASIC U.S. INTEREST  
PROTECTED AND WITH U.S. SIGNING FINAL ACTS. MAJOR  
ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS AVOIDANCE OF A PRIORI PLAN FOR  
REGION 2 (WESTERN HEMISPHERE) AT THIS TIME, WITH  
AGREEMENT THAT REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY  
1982 TO MAKE DETAILED PLAN. ANOTHER WAS SIGNIFICANT,  
THOUGH IMPERFECT PROTECTION FOR REGION 2 SPACE SERVICES  
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FROM BROADCASTING SATELLITES IN REGION 1/3 PLAN.  
END SUMMARY.

2. "WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR  
THE PLANNING OF THE BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICE  
IN FREQUENCY BANDS 11.7 - 12.2 GHZ (IN REGIONS 2 AND  
3) AND 11.7 - 12.5 GHZ (IN REGION 1)" CLOSED 13

FEBRUARY 1977, WITH SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACTS BY 106 COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. WHILE SOME POLITICAL ISSUES EXTRANEIOUS TO TIU CONCERNS AROSE, THEY WERE KEPT UNDER CONTROL, LARGELY THROUGH ACTION BY EXTREMELY ABLE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, LOENBERG, DENMARK. INDEED, THIS WAS POSSIBLY LEAST POLITICIZED MAJOR ITU CONFERENCE IN PAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS.

3. PRIMARY U.S. GOAL OF AVOIDING A PRIORI ORBITAL POSITION AND FREQUENCY CHANNEL PLAN FOR REGION 2 WAS ACHIEVED; AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO HOLD ITU REGIONAL (REGION 2) CONFERENCE NOT LATER THAN 1982 TO MAKE DETAILED PLAN FOR THIS REGION. ANOTHER MAJOR GOAL OF PROTECTING REGION 2 SPACE SERVICES FROM INTERFERENCE FROM BROADCASTING SATELLITES OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGIONS 1/3 PLAN WAS ACHIEVED IN LARGE DEGREE. BRAZIL INSERTED STATEMENT (DEC. 343), RESERVING IT SRIGHT TO OPERATE ITS SYSTEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITU CONVENTION AND RADIO REGULATIONS; U.S. SUPPORTED BRAZILIAN STATEMENT AT FINAL PLENARY.

4. SUMMARY OF WIND-UP ACTIVITIES BY CONFERENCE COMMITTEES FOLLOWS:

5. COMMITTEE 2 (CREDENTIALS). C2 COMPLETED ITS WORK PROMPTLY WITH VIRTUALLY NO POLITICAL OVERTONES EXCEPT THAT INTRODUCED BY USSR WITH SUPPORT OF EAST GERMANS WHICH QUESTIONED LEGALITY OF TWO WEST BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES ON WEST GERMAN DELEGATION, BUT DID UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT ASK FOR ANY CONFERENCE ACTION. LATER, UK, FRANCE AND U.S. SUBMITTED JOINT STATEMENT, SUPPORTED BY WEST GERMANS, REJECTING USSR ASSERTIONS. USSR AND EAST GERMANS ISSUED COUNTER STATEMENTS, TO WHICH ALLIES AND WEST GERMANS RESPONDED. EXCHANGE WAS ENDED WITH NO ORAL STATEMENTS IN PLENARY.

6. COMMITTEE 3 (BUDGET CONTROL). C3 APPROVED A FINAL CONFERENCE WHICH ENVISAGED A NET SAVINGS OF OVER SF 160,000 FROM THE SUM ALLOCATED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS TO CONCLUDE BY COB FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, ACTUALLY RAN AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN HOURS, UNTIL NOON, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A BUDGET OVERRUN, NOW ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE NATURE OF SF 200,000. MISSION WILL FORWARD FINAL DEFICIT FIGURE WHEN AVAILABLE.

7. COMMITTEE 4 (TECHNICAL).

A. C4 REACHED AGREEMENT ON INTERREGIONAL SHARING CRITERIA THAT WOULD PERMIT SPACE SERVICES OF REGION 2 TO SHARE 11.7 - 12.2 GHZ BAND AND GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT WITH BROADCASTING SATELLITES OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGIONS 1/3 PLAN.

B. BASIS FOR AGREEMENT WAS ACCEPTANCE BY REGIONS 1/3 COUNTRIES OF IMPROVED SATELLITE TRANSMITTING ANTENNA PATTERN AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGION 2 COUNTRIES OF INTERFERING POWER FLUX DENSITIES PRODUCED BY SATELLITES OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGIONS 1/3 PLAN AND USING THE IMPROVED ANTENNA PATTERN.

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C. REGION 2 ACCEPTANCE CAME ONLY AFTER CALCULATIONS MADE BY IFRB (AND CHECKED INDEPENDENTLY BY USA) HAD VERIFIED THAT INTERFERENCE LEVELS WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY LOW TO ENABLE SENSITIVE FIXED-SATELLITE SYSTEMS SERVING SOUTH AMERICA TO OPERATE FROM ORBITAL POSITIONS LOCATED BETWEEN BROADCAST POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO REGION 1.

8. COMMITTEE 5 (PLANNING).

A. C5 DISCUSSED TWO ITEMS OF SUBSTANCE, BOTH OF WHICH PROVED TO BE NON-STARTERS BUT WHICH MAY BE ADVANCED LATER IN OTHER FORUMS.

B. AUSTRALIA INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION ASKING CCIR TO STUDY EXTENSION OF BROADCASTING-SATELLITE UNCLASSIFIED

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SERVICE ALLOCATION IN REGIONS 2 AND 3 TO 12.5 GHZ, MAKING ALLOCATION WORLD WIDE. DRAFT WAS NOT APPROVED, MAINLY ON BASIS THAT EXTENSION OF BAND WAS MATTER FOR ADMINISTRATIONS AND REGIONS AND FELL OUTSIDE OF TECHNICAL AREA OF CCIR.

C. UK INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO SET ASIDE TWO CHANNELS IN REGIONS 1/3 PLAN FOR EXPERIMENTAL CHANNELS. SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY DEVELOPED AMONG AFRICANS AND UK WITHDREW DRAFT.

9. COMMITTEE 6 (PROCEDURES).

A. C6 DOCUMENTS MOVED THROUGH PLENARY ESSENTIALLY INTACT; MAJOR EXCEPTION WAS ADDITION OF ARTICLE (ARTICLE 10 OF FINAL ACTS) LIMITING POWER FLUX DENSITIES ACTUALLY LAID DOWN ON REGION 2 TERRITORY TO LEVELS SPECIFIED IN REGIONS 1/3 PLAN; OTHERWISE COORDINATION PROCEDURE TRIGGERED.

10. COMMITTEE 7 (RE-ARRANGEMENT OF RADIO REGULATIONS). PART II OF FINAL ACTS INSTRUCTS ITU SECRETARY GENERAL TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE TO ADMINISTRATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 1977 THE TEXT OF RE-ARRANGED RADIO REGULATIONS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY PRESENT CONFERENCE. AN ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION REQUESTS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO USE RE-ARRANGEMENT AS BASIS FOR PROPOSALS TO 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE.

11. COMMITTEE 8 (EDITORIAL) COMPLETED WORK IN EVEN GREATER THAN USUAL FRENZY, DUE TO LATE PRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS DESTINED FOR PLENARY.

12. POSTSCRIPT. IN TRIBUTES TO CHAIRMAN LOENBERG AT FINAL PLENARY, SPEAKERS COMMENTED ON FACT THAT NOT ONCE DURING CONFERENCE WAS FORMAL VOTE TAKEN. (THIS COST TIME UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT AVOIDED CONFRONTATION, ACCORDING TO HERNANDEZ OF MEXICO.) ANOTHER POSITIVE NOTE WAS EXCELLENT SUPPORT, NOTED BY SPEAKERS, PROVIDED BY GENERAL SECRETARIAT, IFRB, AND CCIR, TOGETHER WITH MUTING OF SQUABBLING BETWEEN FIRST TWO. WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPSED AT LOW KEY OF EXTRANEIOUS POLITICA L DEBATE AT THIS WARC. ISRAEL DID NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE AND ISRAELI-ARAB DISPUTE TOTALLY ABSENT. SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES, WHICH AT PREVIOUS SIMILAR CONFERENCES HAD CONSUMED DAYS OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE, WERE DISPOSED OF IN FIFTEEN MINUTES WHEN CONFERENCE AGREED TO DELETE NAMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA FROM THE REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED BY THESE AREAS, BUT TO KEEP THE REQUIREMENTS THEMSELVES IN THE BOOKS (LISTED UNDER "SPARE BEAMS"). THE ONLY POLITICAL DEBATE WORTHY OF THE NAME WAS A SLINGING MATCH WHICH DEVELOPED IN THE FINAL NIGHT SESSION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, WHEN THE LATTER FELT ITSELF AGGRIEVED BY HAVING A SLIGHTLY SMALLER BEAM THAN THE FORMER. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT THE IFRB WOULD REEXAMINE THE SOUTH KOREAN ASSIGNMENT AFTER THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED. CATTO

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